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FOR: A BARRIER LAYER FOR A PROCESSING ELEMENT AND A METHOD OF FORMING  
THE SAME

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)**  
**AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that  
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